

POST SECONDARY PLANNING NIGHT

September 29, 2020

Virtual Meeting

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**Lenore Kingsmore
Principal**



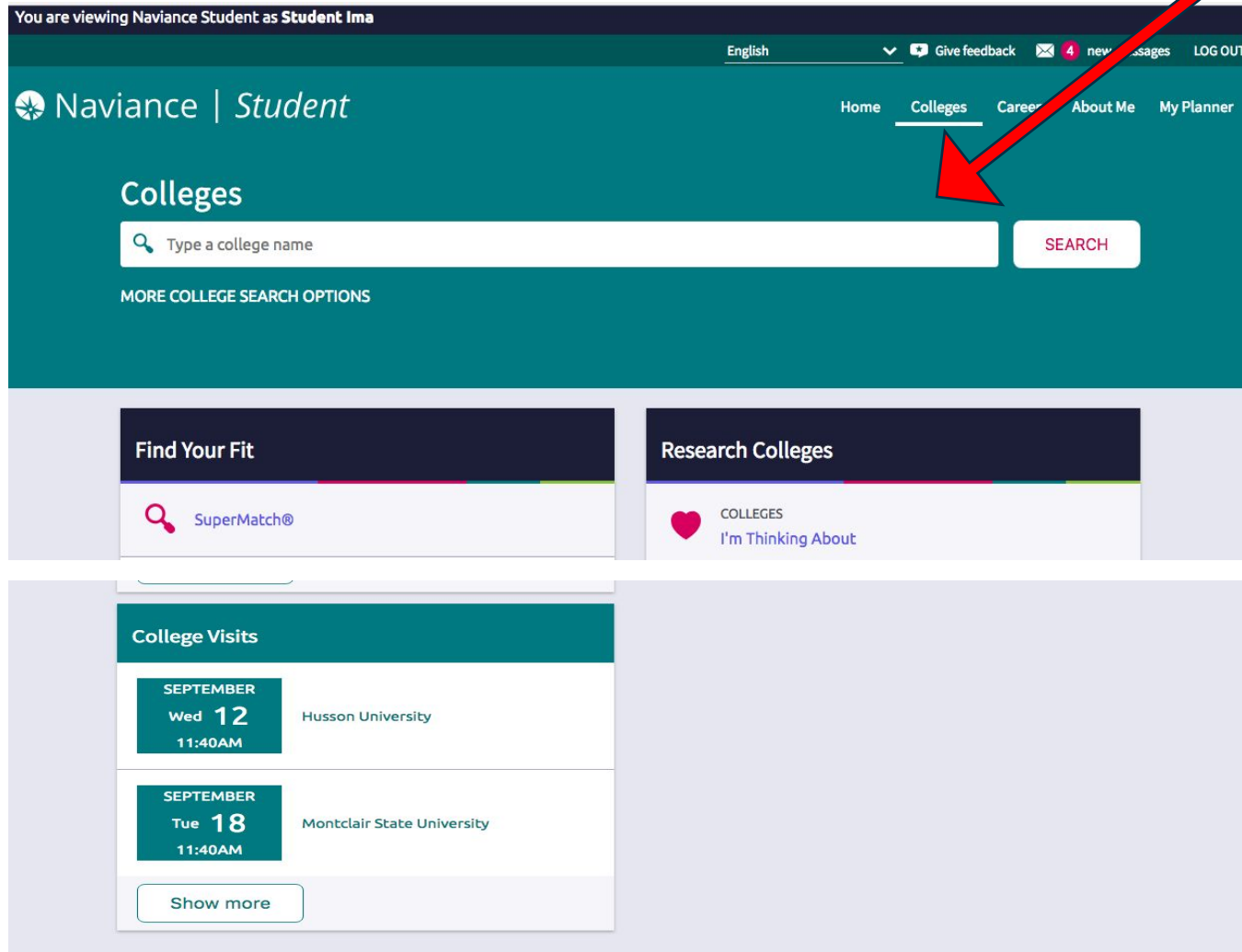
AGENDA:

- College search review
 - Next steps
- College application procedures
- Understanding your transcript
- Second semester activities
 - Questions

COLLEGE SEARCH

- ▶ **Talk to your Ms. DeWyngaert, School Counselor**
- ▶ **Search via Naviance Family Connection and College Websites**
 - **College Websites are important to utilize this year with Admissions changes.**
- ▶ **Under *Education Links*, click on *Naviance-Family Connection* and log in**
- ▶ **Speak with college representatives via virtual meets.**
 - **Schedule is available in Naviance**

EXPLORE THE “COLLEGES” SECTION ON NAVIANCE:



The screenshot displays the Naviance Student interface. At the top, it says "You are viewing Naviance Student as Student Ima". The navigation bar includes "English", "Give feedback", "4 new messages", and "LOG OUT". The main navigation tabs are "Home", "Colleges", "Career", "About Me", and "My Planner". The "Colleges" tab is highlighted, and a red arrow points to it. Below the navigation, the "Colleges" section features a search bar with the placeholder text "Type a college name" and a "SEARCH" button. Below the search bar, it says "MORE COLLEGE SEARCH OPTIONS".

Below the search bar, there are two main sections:

- Find Your Fit:** Includes a search icon and the text "SuperMatch@".
- Research Colleges:** Includes a heart icon and the text "COLLEGES I'm Thinking About".

Below these sections, there is a "College Visits" section with a list of visits:

Month	Day	Time	University
SEPTEMBER	Wed 12	11:40AM	Husson University
SEPTEMBER	Tue 18	11:40AM	Montclair State University

A "Show more" button is located below the list of visits.

COLLEGE VISITS AT HHRS:

Schools that will be visiting HHRS will be posted through Naviance Family Connection

Visits will take place during Lunch time VIRTUALLY.

Talk to all admissions counselors and ask them your questions

**** The admissions meetings are a very important way to make a connection since you are not able to visit the campuses.**

**** There is no harm in joining a virtual visit and simply getting to know more colleges.**

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Next Steps: Letters of Recommendations

1. Ask teachers in person to write letter of recommendation --Then, follow up with an email with your brag sheet attached.
2. Two Teachers and One Counselor Letter
3. Timeline to ask teachers must be ASAP if not already completed
4. Brag sheet in Naviance must be finished for **ANY** letter to be written



Request Teachers in Naviance



Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Add Request

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
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Your recommendation requests will show up here.

Add Request

Under Colleges Tab, Apply to Colleges, then Click Letters of Recommendations

NEXT STEPS: SAT Testing and Admissions Changes

Covid-19 Changes:

- Most** (Not all) Colleges have announced Test Optional or Test Blind Admissions this year.
 - 2/3rds of all colleges changed their policies.
- It is important that through your search you indicate schools who you will not be sending scores to, it is very possible that this is all your schools.
 - After you have SAT scores this decision can be made.
- Some scholarships (merit based) may still need to SAT, check financial aid websites for schools as well as admissions websites.

SAT School Day: Offered at HHRS on Oct. 14th

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YOU ARE READY TO APPLY!

- ▶ Complete online applications (via commonapp.org and/or college/university websites)

IMPORTANT: For Common App schools, you **MUST** match your Common App and Naviance accounts , **AND** complete the FERPA waiver through Common App (This was reviewed with students in their individual meeting with Ms. DeWyngaert)

- ▶ Make sure all colleges to which you are applying are listed on the “Colleges I’m Applying to” page on Naviance
- ▶ Submit a completed HHRS Naviance Application Checklist “NAC” form for each college to which you are applying (you may list up to 5 colleges on one form) --- this is called the Golden Rod Form

FERPA Waiver: Fill out in an individual college section in Common App.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.commonapp.org/ca4app#Im/536/RecAssi>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The page content is a modal window titled "Release Authorization" with a progress indicator showing "1 Instructions" and "2 Form". The main text explains the FERPA waiver process, including the right to access educational records and the implications of waiving this right. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for "I have fully read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above." and two buttons: "Cancel" and "Continue".

Release Authorization

1 Instructions > 2 Form

The questions you will see on the next screen relate to your educational records. The first pertains to the transmission of your educational records from your secondary school(s) to the colleges to which you are applying. The second concerns your right of access to confidential letters of recommendation. Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), you can review recommendations and accompanying forms if you are age 18 or older or upon enrollment at a postsecondary institution provided that institution saves the documents. You may, however, waive this right of access altogether. In a moment, you'll be asked if you wish to waive this right.

Why should you consider waiving your right of access? Waiving your right lets colleges know that you will never try to read your recommendations. That in turn reassures colleges that your recommenders have provided support that is candid and truthful. While you are free to respond as you wish, if you choose not to waive your right, some recommenders may decline your request, and some colleges may disregard recommendations submitted on your behalf.

After you make your selection about whether you want to waive your right of access, you will be able to invite your recommenders. Once you make the first invitation, you will not be able to change your waiver selection. To ensure that you fully understand the implications of your decision, we urge you not to answer the waiver question until you have consulted with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian.

I have fully read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

College Essay

- Essay Questions for the Common App can be found online as well as in the Common App website.
- TIP: If your essay is about coronavirus, it must be very unique.
 - Come speak to Ms. DeWyngaert about your idea
- Use your essay to be creative, share more to the admissions reader than your application warrants, and try to show growth.
- GOAL: Captivate the reader's attention

Colleges are seeking students who will thrive on their campuses, contribute in numerous ways, and develop into citizens who make their worlds and our worlds a better place.

Supplemental Essays: Take time to be specific about the individual school and show your interest in their campus community



HHRS NAVIANCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST- Transcript Request Goldenrod Form



Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Naviance Application Checklist – “NAC” Form

HHRS CEEB# 310528

- I have completed my **RESUME** in the **ABOUT ME** section of Naviance & submitted my resume and Senior Brag Sheet to my counselor and recommendation writers.
- I have registered and filled out **FERPA** through www.commonapp.org (if using the Common App), matched my Common App/Naviance accounts on Naviance and submitted my application via Common App or online through the school’s website. **Make sure to put your correct Common App e-mail address or your accounts will NOT match up and materials cannot be sent electronically.**
- I have added the following colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” section in Naviance. (please list)

<u>College Name</u>	<u>Applied Through (check one)</u>	<u>Early Decision (ED)</u>	<u>Early Action (EA)</u>	<u>Regular Decision (RD)</u>
_____	___ Common APP ___ School App	_____	_____	_____
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- I have requested my **transcripts** in Naviance under the “Colleges” tab => “Resources” => “Transcripts” for EACH COLLEGE listed above.
- I have requested recommendation letters from two (2) teachers and added them in Naviance under the “Teacher Recommendations” drop-down list.

Counselor: _____

Teacher: _____ Teacher: _____

- I have requested **official SAT scores** from www.collegeboard.org and/or **ACT scores** from www.actstudent.org. **WE DO NOT SEND SCORES TO COLLEGES.**

Release and Waiver: (must be signed and turned into Guidance or will not be processed)

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and approve the release of pertinent school records to the educational institutions as requested through Family Connection/Naviance website. In addition, I hereby waive my right of access to all recommendation letters.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

REMEMBER: It takes at least **10 SCHOOL DAYS** to process your request for transcripts.

IMPORTANT: Check your **Naviance email, Scholarship Section and College Visits** regularly for important information and updates.

APPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Deadlines:

- ▶ **All required materials must be submitted to Guidance at least ten (10) school days before the college's deadline (although you may bring them earlier)**
- ▶ **Please consider Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks-- as only school days count in the 10-day window.**



EARLY DECISION/EARLY ACTION / RESTRICTIVE/SINGLE-CHOICE EARLY ACTION:

Deadline Examples:

Deadline is **Nov 1** - submit form by **Oct 19th**

Deadline is **Nov 15** - submit form by **Oct 26th**

**If you will be applying to schools early,
please see Ms. DeWyngaert ASAP.**



APPLICATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHECKLIST (SAMPLE)

College Name	Application Type (Regular, Early Decision/ Early Action, Rolling)	Deadline	HHS NAC form	SAT	GPA	Supplements and Essay
TCNJ	General Admission	Feb. 1 Common App		Test optional 1265	A/A-	yes
ROWAN	Regular Admission	Jan 31 Common App		Test Optional 1095	3.15	
Penn State (Main Campus)	Early Action	Nov 15		Test Optional 1240-1410	3.55-3.9	

SECOND SEMESTER ACTIVITIES:

- Scholarships/Financial Aid: Check Naviance, www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, www.finaid.org for scholarships and other funding opportunities
- Plan for Financial Aid Workshop: October 7th via Zoom
- Apply for a PIN (parents and students) at www.pin.ed.gov
- After October 1 you can apply for financial aid at fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete college/university financial aid forms and/or CSS profile

TRANSCRIPT REVIEW:

Students can have unofficial copies from the guidance office.



Student Name Student ID: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Birth Place: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Ethnic Code: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____						School Name/Address HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL 1 Grand Tour Highlands, NJ 07732 Tel: 732-872-9800 Fax: 732-708-1409 Guidance Counselor: DeWynne L. Rachel H.S. CEEB CODE: 310620 H.S. Entry Date: 08/05/2010 Withdrawal Date: Graduation Date: 06/10/17																																																																	
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CONCLUSIONS:



- ▶ Research colleges on Naviance, attend virtual school visits,, attend open houses and college fairs; demonstrate interest, ask questions!
- ▶ Take the SAT/ACT and SAT II (Subject Tests), if needed
- ▶ Request recommendations; submit resume and brag sheet to your School Counselor and recommendation writers; provide outside recommenders with addressed, stamped envelopes for each college



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CONCLUSIONS (CONTINUED):

- ▶ Apply online—complete FERPA waiver, essays, EOF questionnaires, etc.
Update your Naviance account
- ▶ Submit signed Naviance Application Checklist “NAC” processing form to Guidance allowing 10 school days for processing
- ▶ Have SAT and/or ACT scores sent directly to your colleges- via college board website.
- ▶ Parents—start gathering paperwork for financial aid(you can use your 2019 Tax Return)
- ▶ Decide and notify attending college no later than May 1, 2019

Important dates



- Brookdale Admissions Virtual Meeting-
October 15, 2020 (sign up in Naviance)

- FAFSA Night: October 7th at 6pm via
Zoom
 - ◆ Presenter: Jane O'Brien, Associate Director of Financial Aid, TCNJ

A hard copy of this document will be given to all seniors during their post secondary planning meetings.

HHRS College Help Tips Document



QUESTIONS???